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SUBJ: VISIT OF NORTHROP REPRESENTATIVE

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1. DEPARTMENT IS CORRECT IN NOTING THAT KENYAN GOVERNMENT (GOK) HAS NOT INITIATED FORMAL REQUEST TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL F-5 AIRCRAFT. NONETHELESS, SENIOR KENYAN DEFENSE OFFICIALS HAVE MADE IT QUITE CLEAR ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS THAT KENYA HARBORS HOPES OF OBTAINING FUTURE YEAR FMS CREDITS TO FINANCE FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN ITS ABILITY TO DETER AN AIR ATTACK. THE REAL QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER A KENYAN REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FMS CREDIT IN FY 79-81 TIME FRAME WILL BE FORTHCOMING, BUT RATHER WHICH AIRCRAFT OR RELATED WEAPONRY WE WILL BE ASKED TO SUPPLY. TO DATE, KENYANS HAVE INFORMALLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ACQUIRING SQUADRON OF A-4S, AS WELL AS 6 ADDITIONAL F-5S (4ES AND 2FS). FINANCING CONSTRAINTS, AND LIMITS OF KENYA'S ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY, HOWEVER, RENDER ACQUISITION OF BOTH AT SAME TIME; A DUBIOUS PROPOSITION AT BEST. FOR VARIETY OF REASONS EMBASSY AND USEUCOM BELIEVE IT MAKES RELATIVELY MORE SENSE FOR KENYANS TO ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL F-5S.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, EMBASSY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANNUAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF MILITARY SECURITY ASSISTANCE
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PROJECTION (MSAP) AND JOINT STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE PLAN (JSOP). THESE DOCUMENTS CALL FOR PLANNING ESTIMATES WITH RESPECT TO KIND AND AMOUNT OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED IN FUTURE YEARS. AT TIME OF APRIL F-5 PROGRAM REVIEW MEETING HERE, EMBASSY WAS ENGAGED IN DEVELOPING JSOP, WHICH, AS FINALLY DRAFTED, CONTAINS PROJECTION THAT KENYA WILL WISH U.S. TO FINANCE PURCHASE OF 6 ADDITIONAL F-5S WITH FOLLOW-ON FMS

CREDIT IN FY-79-81 TIME FRAME. (THIS PROJECTION, IT SHOULD BE STRESSED, WAS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY AND HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH GOK). EMBOFF FELDER TOOK ADVANTAGE OF F-5 EXPERTISE OF USAF OFFICERS IN NAIROBI FOR REVIEW TO ASK IF FOR INTERNAL PLANNING PURPOSES SOME IDEA COULD BE PROVIDED EMBASSY AS TO HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL F-5S WOULD COST PER COPY. USAF OFFICERS CONSULTED SAID THEY COULD OBTAIN INFORMATION QUICKLY AND EASILY IN WASHINGTON WITHOUT CONSULTING NORTHROP AND WOULD RESPOND INFORMALLY.

3. EMBASSY WILL BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH MR. CRANE OF NORTHROP DURING HIS STAY IN NAIROBI.
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